



Howard County Council

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Minutes (approved)
Monthly Meeting
February 8, 2016
8:30 a.m.

C. Vernon Gray Conference Room

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Members Present: Calvin Ball, Chairperson; Jon Weinstein, Vice Chairperson; Greg Fox; Mary Kay Sigaty; Jen Terrasa

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor

Budget Update

Dr. Holly Sun, Budget Administrator, joined the Council to provide a budget update. She explained that she and her staff are still working on revenue projections for FY 2017. She reported that State aid to Howard County is showing a 5.7% increase and that highway user revenue is showing moderate growth. She met with the Comptroller's office regarding the impact of the Wynne case. Applications are still being processed. The ongoing impact for Howard County is estimated to be between \$700,000 and \$1,500,000 annually.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Stan Milesky, Finance Director, and Dan Kenney of CohnReznick joined the Council to present the CAFR for FY 2015. Mr. Kenney provided an overview of the Independent Auditor's Report, the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, the Management Letter, and the SAS 114 "Those Charged with Governance" letter. Mr. Kenney, Mr. Milesky, and Mr. Glendenning answered questions from the Council including concerns raised about IT security, progress on prior recommendations, and OPEB funding.

Council Member Reports

Dr. Ball reminded Council Member of their upcoming administrative meeting and discussed rescheduling the February legislative work session. The Council agreed to hold the work session on Tuesday, March 1, at 3:00 p.m. For the Patuxent River Commission, Ms. Sigaty reported that the Commission had voted to support the Greening Act to charge for paper and plastic bags. For MACo, Ms. Terrasa referred to her written report and added that many additional bills are expected to be filed by the 5:00 p.m. deadline today. Ms. Sigaty discussed HB0211 and concerns about unintended consequences for flea treatments. Ms. Terrasa also added that Ho. Co. 9-16 (Howard County Public School System – Access to Public Information) is the one remaining piece of local legislation which the Delegation is scheduled to vote on this week. For NACO, Mr. Fox indicated that he will forward resolutions as soon as he receives them. He will only be able to attend the first day of the legislative conference coming up later this month.

Staff Reports

Ms. Feldmark referred to her written report, reminded Council Members to submit any updates to their bios for Finance's official statement, and answered questions about Constant Contact.

Mr. Glendenning reviewed his written report and discussed the update on the Forest Conservation Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.